REMARKS

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Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 6-8 and 12-19; and amended Claims 3-5 and 20-21. No new matter has been added. Support for Claim 5 is found at page 5, lines 16-17.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by PAJ 2001-294776. Claim 1 is canceled without prejudice, rendering this rejection moot.

The Examiner rejected Claims 12-19. Claims 12-19 are canceled without prejudice, rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed Claim 2 and indicated Claims 3-5, 9-11 and 20-23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. This has been done, except that some previously presented claims already depended from Claim 2 which the Examiner has allowed, so these claims were not changed. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the claims. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the attorney listed below if there are any questions or comments.

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